

Remarks

The Office Action of April 5, 2007 suggests that the application contains claims directed towards two patentably distinct inventions. In particular, the Office Action suggests the following Inventions:

- “Invention I” as claimed by claims 1-66
- “Invention II” as claimed by claims 67-78

In addition, the Office Action suggests that “Invention I” (claims 1-66) includes four patentably distinct species. In particular, the Office Action suggests the following Species:

- “Species 1” as claimed by claims 2-4
- “Species 2” as claimed by claims 5-6, 9, 23-25, 29, and 43-45
- “Species 3” as claimed by claims 7, 8, 26-28, and 46-47
- “Species 4” as claimed by claims 11-21, 31-41, 49-58, 60-62 and 64-66

Finally, the Office Action has indicated that independent claims 1, 22, 42 and 59 are generic to Species 1 through Species 4 of Invention I, and that dependent claims 10, 30, 48 and 63 are not generic to any of Species 1-4. The Office Action requires election of a single disclosed Species and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

Therefore, in response to the aforementioned election requirement, Applicants provisionally elect ***Invention I, Species 4*** in combination with generic independent claims 1, 22, 42 and 59. In other words, claims 1, 11-21, 22, 31-41, 42, 49-58, 59, 60-62 and 64-66 are elected for prosecution at this time. The claims drawn towards “Species 1”, “Species 2”, and “Species 3”, and the non-generic claims, i.e., claims 2-4, 5-6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 23-25, 26-28, 29, 30, and 43-45, 46-47, 48 and 63, and the claims drawn towards “Invention II”, i.e., claims 67-78, have been withdrawn by the above amendment.

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Additionally, in an effort to further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicant kindly invites the Examiner to telephone the Applicant's attorney at (805) 278-8855 if the Examiner has any additional questions or concerns.

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